Study report on working days generated under NREGS

†608.DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has drawn its attention to the study report conducted by National Council of Applied Economics on the implementation of Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme in rural areas;

(b) whether this report is based on the survey of the poorest 3200 families of seven States;

(c) if so, whether it is a fact that sufficient working days have not been generated as per the requirement of the families as stated in the report; and

(d) if so, the number of average working days generated per family in the States of Madhya Pradesh, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Maharashtra, Delhi, Andhra Pradesh, West Bengal and Assam etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) has not conducted a study on National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) so far.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Safe drinking water to villages

609. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA:
SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:
Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages in various States which do not have safe drinking water available as on date;

(b) what has been achieved in this regard during the last four years; and

(c) what is time-plan for covering remaining villages?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) Rural water supply is a State subject and State Governments/ its agencies are primarily responsible for water supply in rural areas. After 73rd Amendment in the Constitution of India, rural water supply has been placed in the 11th Schedule of the Constitution and is to be transferred to Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs). Government of India supplements the efforts of the States by providing financial assistance under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP). The actual status regarding availability of safe drinking water in the villages on date varies from time to time and it is dynamic in nature as it depends on a number of factors *viz.* rainfall, status of drinking water sources and systems in the villages, etc. However, in 2005 targets under Bharat Nirman- rural drinking water component were fixed based on the information furnished by the States regarding status of water supply in rural habitations and accordingly, during the Bharat

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